

On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Gospel Reading

John 15. 1-17

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

News

Park for Free after Three: From 2 October 2020 to 29 January 2021 Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) working with Dorking Town Partnership will offer free parking every Friday from 3pm in St Martin’s Walk, Wathen Road, Southside and West Street car parks.

Face coverings in a place of worship. Face coverings are required in church (unless you are exempt). Thank you for your understanding.

The adjourned meeting of parishioners for the election of churchwardens will be resumed in St Martin’s on Sunday October 11th 2020 at 11.00am. Anyone on the church electoral roll or resident in the parish may attend. If any eligible person wishes to attend remotely please advise the church office by the end of Thursday October 8th.

George Hunter, a member of our congregation for 60 years, died peacefully at his home on 30 August. His funeral will take place at Guildford Crematorium on Friday 16 October at 2.15pm. Please hold George and his family in your prayers. Because of the Covid-19 situation, his family have, with great regret, decided not to hold a service at St Martin’s. You can, however, join the crematorium service via the internet, either live or by watching 'on demand' during the following seven days. The login and password details are: <https://www.wesleymedia.co.uk/webcast-view> Login ID: 49093 Password: qbhmnveu Although active in St Martin’s in various ways, George will be most remembered for the many years he spent on the management committee of the Christian Centre, including as the initial chair. He also served as a governor of our Church School and ran youth activities. If you would like to contact George’s family, please email his son Alastair at alastair@bakerylane.co.uk.

The October issue of our magazine is available at the back of church, please ask for a copy: it is also available on our website. If you know anyone who is unable to access the previous issues and would like a copy, please let us know and we can print them at the church office. If you have any thoughts, stories, photographs or articles that can be included in the mag please let us know in any format, Christine Francis.

Message from the Bunsns. Thank you all for the lovely send off on 13 September and for the many cards and messages since. We are starting to emerge from at least some of the packing cases, and now even a few pictures are going up on the walls. We have sung our first Sunday morning service (two per part socially distanced of course) with part of the choir at Holy Cross, and Evensong beckons this weekend. The Devon weather has not (yet) been as wet as everyone told us it would be, so there has been a chance to start on the gardening too. Everybody has been very welcoming but we have yet to emulate the accent convincingly! Best wishes, Peter & Debs.

St Barnabas Sunday Service - On 4th October there will be a Matins for Harvest Service at 11am. Everyone is welcome, however please remember your face coverings and social distancing.

Dorking Foodbank is operating at the usual times ([CLICK HERE](#) for these) from the Christian Centre. Donation points in supermarkets remain in place, and the centre one is positioned in the foyer. This week we need: **Tinned Fish, Tins of Soup, Tinned Vegetables, Bags of Pasta (500g) and Hair Conditioner.**

st. martin's DORKING

WITH ST. MARY'S PIXHAM



Sunday 4th October Harvest Festival

Traidcraft. Please contact Elizabeth Dobson direct on 881479 if you would like items delivered locally.

Private Prayer – The church is open Monday and Thursday mornings between 9.30-11.30am.

News and Notices for the next issue of the Weekly News Sheet need to be submitted by the close of business on Wednesday. Please email smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or call 884229. Messages are picked up regularly.

Guildford Diocese Cycle of Prayer

During the month of October, Epsom and Leatherhead deaneries are prayed for across the Diocese. If you would like to follow the Diocese cycle of prayer (which also contains the Anglican Communion cycle) it can be downloaded from <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/life/calendar-of-prayer>.

Please remember in your prayers: Allan Tapley, Paul Berning, Pamela Kerslake, Allan Tighe, Rosie Pegram, Renate MacLennan.



Those in our congregation who have long term concerns are prayed for regularly.

Please pray for those who have recently died: Eileen Tapley, George Hunter.

Churches Together in Dorking Prayers. Members of CTD all pray for one church, community, congregation or initiative each week. This week we are praying **Besom.**

CTD Monthly Prayer Meeting. Prayer for Dorking theme - this evening at 6.45pm. All welcome to join - Zoom meeting details as follows:
<https://zoom.us/j/93491464558>
pwd=QWprVkZsakZlWnRrOUpVSGxiWnYvUT09
Meeting ID: 934 9146 4558 Passcode: 708342

Being corporate at a distance. Whether you have a basic radio or the latest smartphone, there is something for you:

Our Sunday Service on our “Spire of Dorking”

YouTube Channel will be available from 10am.

Click on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuzOsRDiIRJE8Y3Zjr3fj0g>

Bishop Andrew’s Sunday Sermon is available on the Diocese of Guildford’s [website](#).

Your 9am Daily Prayer Click on this link: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer> Scroll down and click on the green Morning Prayer box.

BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong this Sunday, 4th October at 3pm comes from Guildford Cathedral: Responses - Cecilia McDowall, Canticles - Herbert Howells, Anthem - James Macmillan.

Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4 at 8.10am.

TV: Sunday Worship on BBC One at 11.45am.

Songs of Praise on BBC One at 1.15pm.

This is one of those weekends when one is spoilt for choice in terms of deciding upon the focus for a weekend. The week to week calendar has this Sunday as Trinity 17... this would afford us the opportunity to focus on the theme of “... forgetting what is behind and straining to what is ahead.” ... highly appropriate in the changed context in which we find ourselves as a result of Covid-19.

This month also sees the launch of a new diocesan initiative called “Transforming Generosity” ... during October the diocese aims to “look together at the Gospel of Luke, seeking a deeper understanding of God’s abundant generosity, reflecting on generous giving as part of our discipleship and worship, and responding by continuing to build generous churches. We know that a generous people can transform our communities, and beyond, at this time.”

Then there is St Francis of Assisi, whose feast falls on 4th October and in whose memory we would normally be holding an animal blessing service this weekend.

I hope that our focus on the annual Harvest celebration will draw together threads from all of the above. May I ask you to please remember in practical ways, such as the Food Bank, all those in need as we celebrate our harvest of plenty.

With every blessing,
Derek.

Collect

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2. 9

The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground - trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

New Testament Reading

Revelation 22. 1-5

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city.